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Legionnaires in Interwar Czechoslovakia – Political and Symbolic Presence

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War veterans' issue in interwar Czechoslovakia had two faces: one of former Austrian soldier (Rakušák) and other of Czechoslovak Legionnaire (Legionář). The former was understood predominantly as a social problem, the latter – as one of the political and ideological questions of the Republic. The lecture will give an interpretation of the relationship between the state, the Legionnaires ideology/ies and the communities of the former Czechoslovak soldiers in Russia, France and Italy themselves. I will argue that – apart from first formative ('revolutionary') years of the Republic – the general political attitude towards former Legionnaires was comparative to the approach taken in some other European countries, i.e.: to incorporate former soldiers' narratives and ideology into state ideology and at the same time to subordinate and limit their real political force. In my talk I will focus on the collective remembrance and its usage in commemoration practices that were in the core of political and symbolic relationship between the state and former soldiers.